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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace any prior version or listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-20 (canceled).

21 (currently amended). A sealing strip for sealing a gap between two parts, said sealing strip comprising:

a flexible layer having a first surface adhereable to one of said parts and a second surface sealingly engageable with the other of said parts;

an adhesive layer positioned on said first surface and adapted to adhere said first surface to said one part;

a cover sheet positioned over said adhesive layer and releasably attached thereto; and

a tear pull thread extending through said cover sheet and having at least one free end protruding outwardly therefrom, an opposite end of said pull thread having an anchoring element connecting said pull thread to said cover sheet.

22 (currently amended). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said tear strip pull thread has two ends, both of which protrude outwardly from said cover sheet, each of said ends having an anchoring element attached thereto comprising a planar holding element attached thereto.

23 (currently amended). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said tear pull thread comprises a synthetic material.

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24 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

25 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

26 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

27 (currently amended). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said tear pull thread comprises a synthetic material.

28 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

29 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

30 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

31 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

32 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

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33 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 24, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

34 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

35 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 28, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

36 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 30, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

37 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

38 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

39 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 24, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

40 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

41 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 28, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

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42 (previously presented). A sealing strip according to Claim 30, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

43 (currently amended). A method of making a sealing strip according to Claim 20 21, said method comprising the steps of:

providing said flexible layer;
applying said adhesive layer to said flexible layer;
applying said cover sheet to said adhesive layer;

and

pressing said ~~tear~~ pull thread through said cover sheet.